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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-9 are presented for examination.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claim 1-9 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,728,529 in view of Jiang, U.S. Publication No. 2003/0035545.

Regarding claim 1, Kuo discloses a method for calculating an initial security count value for a new channel in a wireless communications device, the wireless communications device comprising:

a first security key, a second security key, and a plurality of established channels, each established channel having a corresponding security count value and utilizing a security key, at least one of the established channels utilizing the first security key (Col. 5, lines 40-67 and Col. 6, lines 1-67 and Col. 7, lines 1-67); and

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utilizing a first set to obtain a first value, the first set consisting of corresponding security count values of the established channels that utilize the second key, the first value being at least as great as the x most significant bits (MSB) of a value in the first x set; and setting the MSB of the initial security count value for the new channel equal to the first x value, wherein if the first set is empty, then the first value is set to a first predetermined value (Col. 6, lines 62-67 and Col. 7, lines 1-67).

Kuo does not expressly disclose assigning the second security key to the new channel.

However, Jiang discloses assigning the second security key to the new channel (Pages 4-5, Par. 0029-0031).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to modify the teachings of Kuo with the teachings of Jiang because it would allow to include assigning the second security key to the new channel with the motivation to provide for the security and to make unauthorized deciphering of received PDUs more difficult (Jiang, Page 1, Par. 0007).

Regarding claim 5, Kuo discloses a method for providing an initial security count value to a new channel in a wireless communications device, the method comprising:

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establishing at least a first channel, each first channel utilizing a first security key and having a corresponding security count value (Col. 5, lines 40-67 and Col. 6, lines 1-67 and Col. 7, lines 1-67); and

utilizing a first set to obtain a first value, the first set consisting of corresponding security count values of the established channels that utilize the second key, the first value being at least as great as the x most significant bits (MSB) of a value in the first x set, and setting the MSB of the initial security count value for the second channel equal to the x first value, wherein if the first set is empty, then the first value is set to a first predetermined value (Col. 6, lines 62-67 and Col. 7, lines 1-67).

Kuo does not expressly disclose reconfiguration of a security mode.

However, Jiang discloses

performing a security mode reconfiguration to change utilization of each first channel from the first security key to a second security key according to an activation time for each first channel, wherein upon utilization of the second security key, the corresponding security count value for the first channel is changed, initiating establishment of a second channel that utilizes the second security key (Pages 4-5, Par. 0029-0031).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to modify the teachings of Kuo with the teachings of Jiang because it would allow to include reconfiguration of a security mode with the motivation to provide for the security and to make unauthorized deciphering of received PDUs more difficult (Jiang, Page 1, Par. 0007).

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Regarding claims 2-4 and 6-9, claims are rejected by the virtue of dependency upon rejected base claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Jiang et al, (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0110243).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Arezoo Sherkat whose telephone number is (703) 305-8749. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30 Monday-Friday.

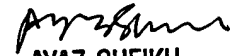
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (703) 305-9648. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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